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1. The Panzerwerk Wünsdorf Kr. Zossen has a work force of about 1,000 men. It produces Soviet type T-34 tanks, also bolts, screws and nuts. Steel is acquired from VEB Hennigsdorf, VEB Fürstenberg and VEB Riesa. Motors for the tanks come from the Dresden Motor Works. Lathes and milling machines come from the Köllmann firm of Leipzig and are of Soviet type. Production capacity is one tank a day. The tanks go to an assembly point at Zernsdorf. When assembled they are taken to Jüterbog under close guard by Soviet troops and Volkspolizei. The factory is closely guarded and workmen may only enter the departments in which they actually work.
2. The Köllmann firm of Leipzig employs about 800 men and produces machine tools, especially milling machines.
3. The SAG Kaunas Gummiwerk of Apolda has a work force of 6,000 of whom 4,000 are women. It produces tires, rubber insulation and rubber rings. Its branch factory at Tabarts employs 3,000 persons.
4. Production of the Wismut AG of Chemnitz is four tons daily of pitchblend, 5.2 tons daily of No. I ore, 3.2 tons daily of No. II ore, and four tons daily of iron ore. All production goes to the USSR in special cars.
5. The State Geological Commission Factory Gommern near Magdeburg is one of the most modern in the East Zone. Part of the machines came from Nordhausen; most of them are new Niles machines. The factory can be turned into a tank factory in the very briefest time. There are 300 persons employed, but this figure is to be raised to 1,000 by the end of 1953, provided quarters can be found for the workers. A bus line is being established between Gommern and Schönebeck. The factory now produces machine tools, especially drilling machinery.

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6. The EKM Rosslau, which formerly made heavy Diesels for destroyers, and where production was stopped, is being altered for the manufacture of a small Diesel of the 1943 type. This engine is to be improved and the fuel capacity lowered.
7. The VVB Abus had a construction bureau for mining machinery at Bernburg. There are 70 constructors.
8. A training school for the construction of heavy machinery has been opened in Bernburg with 200 pupils per semester.

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